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Letter dated 16 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Islamic Group of the Whole held a special meeting at the ambassadorial level at the United Nations Headquarters on 10 June 1994 to discuss the latest Israeli acts of aggression against Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as the security of its people.

In my capacity as the Chairman of the Islamic Group at the United Nations, I have the honour to forward to you a copy of the statement adopted by the above-mentioned meeting. It is requested that this letter along with its annex be kindly circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 38 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jamsheed K. A. MARKER
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Pakistan
Chairman of the Islamic Group at the
United Nations

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ANNEX

Statement adopted by the Islamic Group at the United Nations Headquarters on 10 June 1994

The Islamic Group of the Whole held a special meeting at the ambassadorial level at the United Nations in New York on 10 June 1994, to discuss the latest Israeli acts of aggression against Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as the security of its people.

The members expressed their condemnation of the Israeli abduction of a Lebanese citizen from his home which occurred on 21 May 1994 and expressed their outrage and profound anguish at the wanton Israeli air raid which caused the death of over 50 persons, most of them under the age of 15, and left more than 60 wounded.

The members condemned vigorously these flagrant acts of aggression by Israel which violate the principles of international law, the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and basic human rights.

Equally, the members expressed their indignation and concern over the inability of the Security Council to address the grave situation resulting from these attacks. The failure of the Security Council to address these violations undermines its authority and credibility as the guarantor of international peace and security.

The members expressed their belief that the repeated Israeli acts of aggression and the continued failure of the Security Council to check Israeli aggression, especially at this critical juncture, may abort the hope for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

The members expressed their deep conviction that the occupation of parts of southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa by Israel is the main source of tension and instability in the area.

The members reaffirmed their commitment to Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity and urged the Security Council to show its resolve to implement its resolution 425 (1978), which calls upon Israel to withdraw its forces from all Lebanese territory.